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DOD FACT SHEET, PA, ON SCOTT BARNES

Numerous inquiries have been received by the Department of Defense concerning allegations made by Scott Barnes on the POW/MIA issue and the use of sodium amytal as a reported "truth serum." Following is a synopsis of some of Mr. Barnes' allegations and factual comments in response:

Allegation: Barnes has characterized himself as a military intelligence agent, a former Green Beret, a drug enforcement agent and a CIA agent.

Facts: Barnes served in the U.S. Army during 1973-74 and was discharged after 16 months of his three-year enlistment. He has never been in any way associated with a U.S. intelligence organization.

Allegation: In June 1981, Barnes reported to U.S. officials that he swam the river from Thailand into Cambodia where he saw and photographed an American POW in detention, promising to provide photos of the POW.

Facts: The border between Thailand and Cambodia has no river; no photos were ever provided by Barnes; and Barnes was seen in the U.S. embassy cafeteria on the day he claimed to have crossed into Cambodia.

Allegation: Also in 1981, Barnes claimed he accompanied a CIA team into Laos to search for U.S. POWs, claiming in one of several versions that POWs were located and his group was ordered to execute them.

Facts: Although Barnes was in Thailand with associates of James "Bo" Gritz, the group was not sponsored by the CIA or the U.S. Government and individuals in the Gritz group refute Barnes' story, saying they never crossed into Laos.

Allegation: In the following years, Barnes also made unsubstantiated charges against U.S. officials for arms and narcotics trafficking, posed in a "documentary" as an undercover narcotics agent in a notorious motorcycle club and charged that the CIA hired him to assassinate an American citizen in Hawaii.

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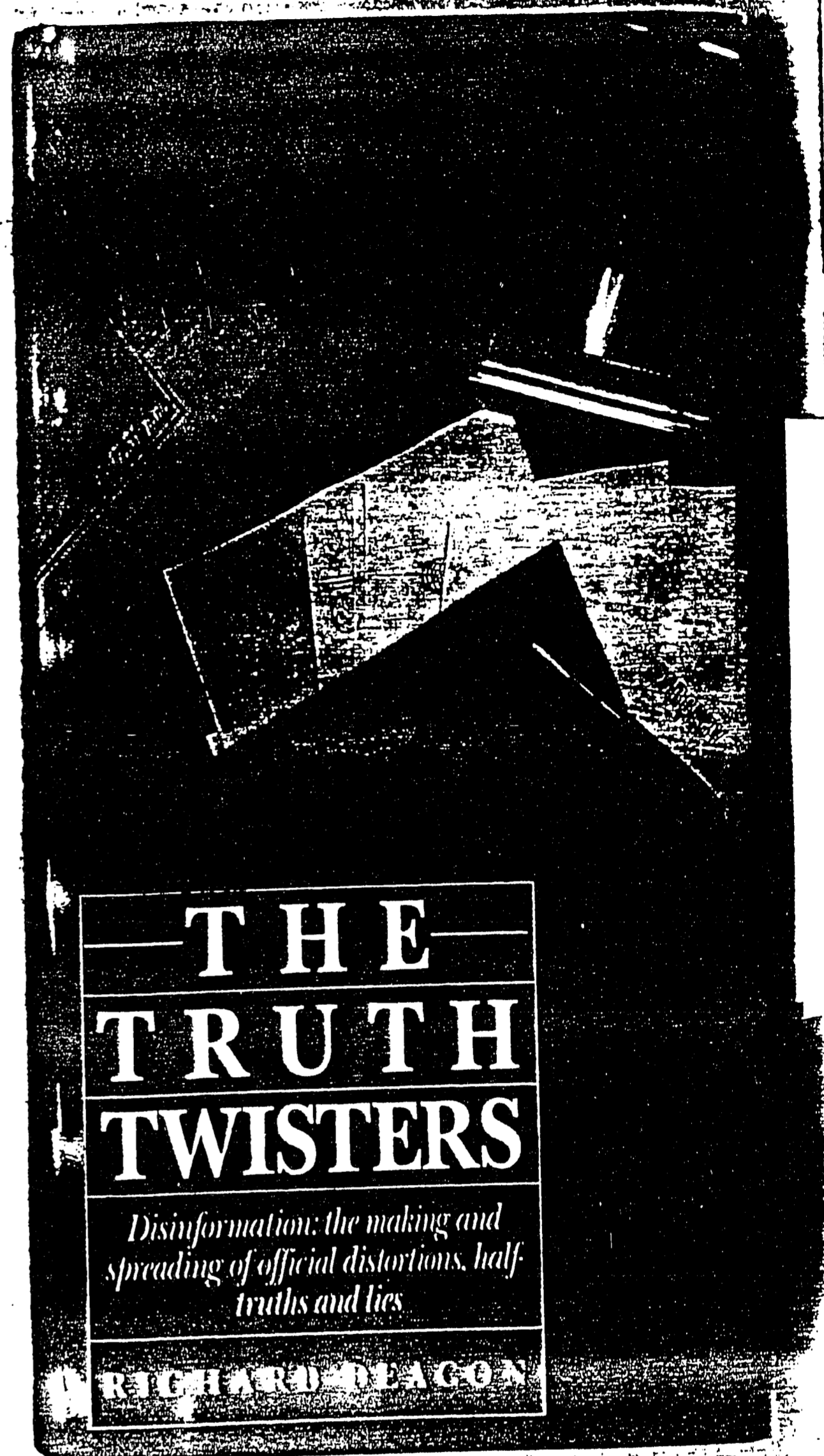
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Facts: While these claims are untrue, this last charge proved embarrassing to ABC News which aired the story in 1984, subsequently retracting it when Barnes failed to substantiate his allegations.

Allegation: Barnes most recently resurfaced his 1981 claim to have seen U.S. POWs while on a CIA sponsored foray into Laos by appearing in a taped interview, allegedly under the influence of sodium amytal, purported to be a "truth serum."

Facts: The claims are already explained as untrue, however, it is important to clarify the effect of the drug claimed as being used in the interview. It is a barbiturate that can cause drug-induced intoxication and which has limited use in psychiatric interviews; however, the concept that sodium amytal is a "truth serum" is a myth. Not only is it possible to lie under the influence of the drug, but if the subject is inclined to lie, the drug facilitates deception.

In summary, Scott Barnes' claims on the POW/MIA issue are known to be totally without merit. Antics such as those of Barnes detract from the seriousness of the live prisoner issue and legitimate efforts to resolve the fates of Americans who may still be prisoner or who are missing and unaccounted for in Southeast Asia.



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